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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Unemployment in New Hampshire dropped from 19,520 in January to 18,360 in February. The unemployment rate in New Hampshire for February fell to 3.1 percent from 3.3 percent in January, and was slightly above the revised February 1987 unemployment rate of 3.0 percent. Nationally, unemployment rates were 6.2 percent in February, 6.3 percent in January, and 7.2 percent in February 1987. Unemployment in the United States was 7,482,000 in February, a 121,000 drop from 7,603,000 in January. January represented the thirtieth consecutive month in which New Hampshire recorded the lowest unemployment rate in the nation (based on the latest data available by state).

The civilian labor force in New Hampshire was 585,620 in February, 595,000 in January, and 558,260 in February 1987.

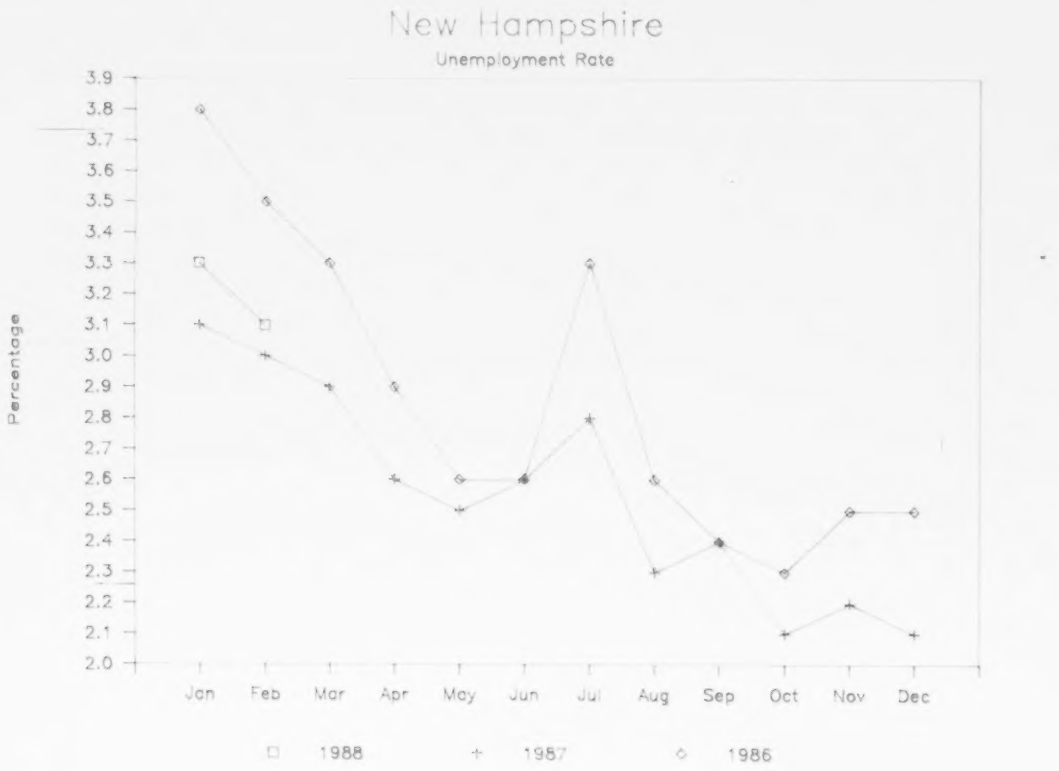
A comparison of sample-based estimates of New Hampshire nonagricultural wage and salary employment for January and February shows a decline in employment from 520,350 to 516,300. Manufacturing employment overall was estimated to remain stable at 121,300. Relatively minor scattered changes yielded an increase of 100 jobs in the nondurable goods sector, which offset a slight decrease in durable goods jobs. Nonmanufacturing wage and salary employment in New Hampshire decreased by 4,050 over the month. The largest change was again calculated for the trade sector, which registered 2,650 fewer jobs, primarily due to less activity in general merchandise stores and eating and drinking establishments. Relatively smaller declines were noticed in apparel and accessory stores, food stores, building materials stores, and other miscellaneous retail stores. The seasonal slowdown in construction continued, but at a more moderate pace, with a decrease of 1,250 jobs. The services sector saw an employment drop of only 250 workers, with declines in business services, agricultural services, and the lodging industries moderated by small increases in health services, miscellaneous services, and personal services. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in February 1988 was estimated to be 21,850 higher than a year earlier.

Average weekly earnings in New Hampshire manufacturing were $370.11 in February, a decline from the $387.32 in January. Average hourly earnings were estimated to have been $0.02 higher in February, but average weekly hours declined from 40.9 in January to 39.0 in February. Average weekly hours were calculated to have decreased in all industries or groupings. Greatest declines were found in the apparel (-4.5 hours) and stone and clay products (-4.2 hours) industries. Smallest declines (-0.1 hour) were located in the paper and paper products and miscellaneous manufacturing products industries. Highest average weekly earnings were registered in the paper and allied products industry ($500.08), followed by primary metal products ($426.73) and machinery (except electrical) ($422.26). Lowest average weekly earnings were calculated for the leather and leather products industry ($195.55) and the

apparel industry ($218.79). The durable goods sector averaged $378.46 per week, 39.3 hours per week, and $9.63 per hour. In comparison, the nondurable goods sector averaged $351.21 per week, 38.3 hours per week, and $9.17 per hour.

February unemployment data is also available for labor market areas. Unemployment rates were lowest in the Claremont (2.0 percent) and Keene (2.4 percent) Labor Market Areas. Highest unemployment rates were recorded in the town of Pelham (6.2 percent), which is part of the Lowell, MA PMSA, in the Salem vicinity (5.0 percent), which is the New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, MA PMSA, and in the Unattached Estimating Areas (5.0 percent). The greatest number of unemployed in February was found in the New Hampshire portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA (3,030), followed by the Nashua PMSA (2,860). (Unemployment levels and rates for counties and labor market areas can be found on page 5.)

NOTE:
Revised series on hours and earnings for manufacturing for 1986 and 1987, based on a March 1987 benchmark, are included in this issue. Similar revisions for Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment for 1986 and 1987 were included in the January issue of Economic Conditions in New Hampshire.



Unemployment rate estimates for 1986 and 1987 have been revised based on revised employment data and updated population ratios and may differ from data published earlier. Estimates for 1988 are provisional.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AS OF THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Industry	Number of Workers Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Previous Year
1. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE*	585,620	595,000	558,260	-9,380	27,360
2. UNEMPLOYMENT	18,360	19,520	16,610	-1,160	1,750
PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE	3.1	3.3	3.0	xxx	xxx
3. EMPLOYMENT TOTAL	567,260	575,480	541,300	- 8,220	25,960
4. PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR DISPUTES	0	0	350	0	-350
NONAGRI. WAGE & SALARY**	516,300	520,350	494,450	-4,050	21,850
MANUFACTURING	121,300	121,300	117,200	0	4,100
Durable Goods	84,900	85,000	80,950	-100	3,950
Lumber & Wood Prods.	6,000	6,150	6,200	-150	-200
Furniture & Fixtures	1,600	1,650	1,600	-50	0
Stone & Clay Prods.	3,650	3,700	3,300	-50	350
Primary Metal Prods.	4,600	4,600	4,200	0	400
Fabricated Metal Prods.	7,050	6,850	6,600	200	450
Machinery (Exc. Elec.)	26,200	26,250	24,950	-50	1,250
Electrical Prods.	24,250	24,200	22,800	50	1,450
Miscellaneous Prods.	2,050	2,050	2,000	0	50
Other Durable Goods	9,500	9,550	9,300	-50	200
Nondurable Goods	36,400	36,300	36,250	100	150
Food & Kindred Prods.	2,900	2,850	2,900	50	0
Textile Mill Prods.	3,700	3,750	3,800	-50	-100
Apparel	1,850	1,950	2,100	-100	-250
Paper & Allied Prods.	5,900	5,850	5,650	50	250
Print., Pub. & Allied	8,650	8,450	7,750	200	900
Leather & Lea. Prods.	3,600	3,650	4,100	-50	-500
Other Nondurable Goods	9,800	9,800	9,950	0	-150
Nonmanufacturing	395,000	399,050	377,250	-4,050	17,750
Construction (inc. mining)	34,850	36,100	32,200	-1,250	2,650
Transp., comm. & utilities	17,300	17,300	16,700	0	600
Trade	128,500	131,150	123,700	-2,650	4,800
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	33,250	33,350	30,350	-100	2,900
Service Industry & Other	115,150	115,400	108,950	-250	6,200
Government	65,950	65,750	65,350	200	600
Federal	8,550	8,550	8,300	0	250
State	17,800	17,650	17,050	150	750
Local	39,600	39,550	40,000	50	-400

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment

MSA LABOR FORCE, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT, AND NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AS OF THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Industry	Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA					Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Month	Year	Jan. 1988	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987	Month	Year	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Month	Year
1. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE*	84,390	86,250	82,380	-1,860	2,010	97,540	98,900	93,070	-1,360	4,470	128,940	130,990	122,680	-2,050	6,260
2. UNEMPLOYMENT	2,520	2,540	2,160	-20	360	2,860	3,020	2,660	-160	200	3,770	4,030	3,680	-260	90
PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE	3.0	2.9	2.6	xxx	xxx	2.9	3.1	2.9	xxx	xxx	2.9	3.1	3.0	xxx	xxx
3. EMPLOYMENT TOTAL	81,870	83,710	80,220	-1,840	1,650	94,680	95,880	90,410	-1,200	4,270	125,170	126,960	118,650	-1,790	6,520
4. PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR DISPUTES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350	0	-350
NONAGRI. WAGE & SALARY	85,300	86,100	84,150	-800	1,150	93,950	94,050	89,500	-100	4,450	108,300	108,700	102,700	-400	5,600
MANUFACTURING	12,050	12,150	13,000	-100	-950	37,000	36,850	35,650	150	1,350	20,900	20,700	20,250	200	650
Durable Goods	7,500	7,550	7,950	-50	-450	30,850	30,750	29,300	100	1,550	13,050	13,000	12,300	50	750
Machinery & elec. prods.	4,250	4,250	4,550	0	-300	23,450	23,350	21,950	100	1,550					
Other durables	3,250	3,300	3,400	-50	-150	7,400	7,400	7,350	0	50					
Nondurable Goods	4,550	4,600	5,050	-50	-500	6,150	6,100	6,350	50	-200	7,850	7,700	7,950	150	-100
Textile mill prods.	1,200	1,250	1,500	-50	-300										
Other nondurables	3,350	3,350	3,550	0	-200										
NONMANUFACTURING	73,250	73,950	71,150	-700	2,100	56,950	57,200	53,850	-250	3,100	87,400	88,000	82,450	-600	4,950
Construction (inc. mining)	5,500	5,750	5,400	-250	100	5,250	5,250	4,550	0	700	5,800	6,050	5,300	-250	500
Transp., comm. & utilities	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	200	2,100	2,150	2,200	-50	-100	2,850	2,850	2,800	0	50
Trade	24,300	24,700	22,950	-400	1,350	21,050	21,300	20,650	-250	400	27,500	27,700	25,800	-200	1,700
Finance, ins. & real est.	8,600	8,750	8,250	-150	350	4,100	4,100	3,650	0	450	6,550	6,500	6,200	50	350
Service industry & other	21,250	21,200	21,350	50	-100	17,350	17,300	16,250	50	1,100	19,600	19,600	18,000	0	1,600
Government	8,500	8,450	8,300	50	200	7,100	7,100	6,550	0	550	25,100	25,300	24,350	-200	750
Federal	2,600	2,600	2,450	0	150	850	850	850	0	0	10,200	10,150	10,000	50	200
State	850	800	850	0	0	250	250	200	0	50	5,350	5,350	5,250	0	100
Local	5,050	5,000	5,000	50	50	6,000	6,000	5,500	0	500	9,550	9,800	9,100	-250	450

* By place of residence Benchmark Labor Disputes: 0

** By place of establishment

Manchester MSA: includes the city of Manchester and the towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, and Hooksett

Nashua PMSA: includes the city of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester NH-ME MSA: includes the New Hampshire cities of Dover, Portsmouth, Rochester, and Somersworth, the New Hampshire towns of Barrington, Durham, Exeter, Farmington, Greenland, Hampton, Lee, Madbury, Milton, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Rollingsford, Rye, and Stratham, and the Maine towns of Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, North Berwick, Ogunquit, South Berwick, Wells, and York.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

Area	Unemployment*						Numerical Change From Previous		Civilian Labor Force			Numerical Change From Previous	
	February 1988		January 1988		February 1987								
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year	February 1988	January 1988	February 1987	Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	7,482	6.2	7,603	6.3	8,503	7.2	-121	-1,021	119,942	119,742	117,967	200	1,975
NEW HAMPSHIRE	18,360	3.1	19,520	3.3	16,610	3.0	-1,160	1,750	585,620	595,000	558,260	-9,380	27,360
BERLIN	840	3.3	960	3.6	760	3.2	-120	80	25,590	26,840	24,010	-1,250	1,580
CLAREMONT	780	2.0	680	1.7	850	2.3	100	-70	39,600	39,670	37,690	-70	1,910
CONCORD	1,540	2.9	1,650	3.0	1,340	2.7	-110	200	53,370	54,570	50,340	-1,200	3,030
KEENE	970	2.4	1,130	2.7	810	2.2	-160	160	40,420	41,780	37,580	-1,360	2,840
LACONIA	1,430	2.8	1,520	3.0	1,330	2.8	-90	100	50,730	51,310	47,780	-580	2,950
LITTLETON	520	2.8	580	3.1	460	2.7	-60	60	18,650	18,430	17,220	220	1,430
MANCHESTER	2,520	3.0	2,540	2.9	2,160	2.6	-20	360	84,390	86,250	82,380	-1,860	2,010
NASHUA	2,860	2.9	3,020	3.1	2,660	2.9	-160	200	97,540	98,900	93,070	-1,360	4,470
NH PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL, MA PMSA***	2,540	5.0	2,880	5.6	2,100	4.3	-340	440	50,790	51,560	49,200	-770	1,590
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER NH-ME MSA	3,770	2.9	4,030	3.1	3,680	3.0	-260	90	128,940	130,990	122,680	-2,050	6,260
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREAS****	1,000	5.0	940	4.8	800	4.2	60	200	19,910	19,470	18,840	440	1,070
NH PORTION LOWELL MA PMSA	330	6.2	350	6.6	280	5.4	-20	50	5,300	5,320	5,190	-20	110
County													
BELKNAP	800	3.0	790	3.0	720	2.9	10	80	26,360	26,620	24,800	-260	1,560
CARROLL	420	2.3	420	2.3	380	2.2	0	40	18,030	18,510	16,960	-480	1,070
CHESHIRE	910	2.5	1,030	2.8	760	2.3	-120	150	36,120	37,310	33,580	-1,190	2,540
COOS	780	3.8	920	4.4	750	3.9	-140	30	20,320	21,090	19,040	-770	1,280
GRAFTON	970	2.4	1,120	2.8	840	2.2	-150	130	40,410	40,510	37,860	-100	2,550
HILLSBOROUGH	5,470	3.0	5,660	3.1	5,000	2.9	-190	470	180,710	183,700	174,100	-2,990	6,610
MERRIMACK	1,760	2.8	1,900	2.9	1,470	2.5	-140	290	63,130	64,430	59,730	-1,300	3,400
ROCKINGHAM	4,980	4.1	5,400	4.3	4,250	3.6	-420	730	122,840	124,340	117,870	-1,500	4,970
STRAFFORD	1,830	3.2	1,960	3.4	1,870	3.4	-130	-40	57,330	58,160	54,840	-830	2,490
SULLIVAN	440	2.2	320	1.6	570	2.9	120	-130	20,370	20,330	19,480	40	890

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Industry	Weekly Earnings			Weekly Hours			Hourly Earnings			
	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	
All manufacturing	$370.11	$387.32	$373.84	39.0	40.9	41.4	$9.49	$9.47	$9.03	Total Production Workers: 82,700
Durable goods	378.46	397.58	388.58	39.3	41.2	42.1	9.63	9.65	9.23	
Lumber & wood prods.	288.65	316.03	290.58	36.4	38.4	38.9	7.93	8.23	7.47	
Furniture & fixtures	296.35	318.61	304.06	37.8	40.3	41.2	7.84	7.79	7.38	
Stone & clay prods.	338.80	375.76	385.42	38.5	42.7	44.2	8.80	8.80	8.72	
Primary metal prods.	426.73	445.57	397.61	45.3	47.1	42.8	9.42	9.46	9.29	Firms Reporting: 268
Fab. metal prods.	372.45	406.58	382.72	39.0	41.7	41.6	9.55	9.75	9.20	
Mach. (exc. elec.)	422.26	438.44	420.53	42.1	43.8	44.5	10.03	10.01	9.45	
Electrical prods.	383.44	392.56	414.08	37.3	38.6	41.7	10.28	10.17	9.93	
Miscellaneous prods.	313.68	334.85	285.74	38.3	38.4	38.2	8.19	8.72	7.48	
Other durables	375.20	395.24	376.48	38.8	41.0	40.7	9.67	9.64	9.25	
Nondurable goods	351.21	364.21	343.54	38.3	40.2	39.9	9.17	9.06	8.61	
Food & kindred prods.	407.05	421.86	400.57	35.8	39.5	41.0	11.37	10.68	9.77	
Textile mill prods.	294.51	317.99	324.61	38.1	40.1	42.6	7.73	7.93	7.62	
Apparel	218.79	244.78	232.75	33.1	37.6	37.3	6.61	6.51	6.24	
Paper & allied prods.	500.08	495.02	478.68	47.0	47.1	47.3	10.64	10.51	10.12	
Print., pub. & allied	366.72	396.06	356.57	38.2	41.0	38.8	9.60	9.66	9.19	
Leather & lea. prods.	195.55	194.69	154.06	33.6	33.8	29.4	5.82	5.76	5.24	
Footwear	194.88	193.67	170.89	33.6	33.8	32.8	5.80	5.73	5.21	
Other nondurables	359.46	375.01	372.10	37.6	39.6	40.8	9.56	9.47	9.12	

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			
	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	
All manufacturing	$385.94	$391.95	$366.21	37.8	40.2	40.6	$10.21	$9.75	$9.02	Total Production Workers: 8,950
Durable goods	409.09	400.93	384.64	37.6	39.5	39.9	10.88	10.15	9.64	
Mach. & elec. prods.	442.36	413.88	400.00	38.6	40.3	40.9	11.46	10.27	9.78	
Other durables	367.28	385.61	364.38	36.4	38.6	38.6	10.09	9.99	9.44	
Nondurable goods	346.47	374.10	336.49	38.2	41.2	41.8	9.07	9.08	8.05	Firms Reporting: 38
Textiles & apparel	283.09	303.73	300.76	37.2	39.6	41.2	7.61	7.67	7.30	
Other nondurables	370.56	402.24	353.64	38.6	41.9	42.1	9.60	9.60	8.40	

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			
	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	
All manufacturing	$457.47	$470.30	$458.96	39.1	40.3	41.8	$11.70	$11.67	10.98	Total Production Workers: 20,300
Durable goods	470.83	486.81	471.49	39.8	40.5	42.4	11.83	12.02	11.12	
Mach. & elec. prods.	518.89	523.26	509.58	40.1	40.5	42.5	12.94	12.92	11.99	
Other durables	373.97	413.10	383.95	39.2	40.5	42.1	9.54	10.20	9.12	
Nondurable goods	399.24	404.54	411.34	36.0	39.7	39.4	11.09	10.19	10.44	Firms Reporting: 54

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			
	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987	
All Manufacturing	$346.87	$367.20	$353.82	38.8	40.8	39.8	$8.94	$9.00	$8.89	Total Production Workers: 14,800
Durable Goods	368.06	388.96	386.65	38.5	40.9	40.7	9.56	9.51	9.50	
Nondurable Goods	312.83	332.52	307.62	39.3	40.7	38.5	7.96	8.17	7.99	Firms Reporting: 31

NEW HAMPSHIRE LABOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND

This section provides data by local office area, illustrating one dimension of labor supply and demand. Job openings received and active applicants are grouped by occupation, according to Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT) codes. Job openings are also listed by industry, while applicants are classified by various personal characteristics. Such data has been compiled and published on a quarterly basis, and inclusion in Economic Conditions allows more timely access to this information for analysis and planning.

The number of active job applicants increased 1,171 from 9,243 in January to 10,414 in February. The greatest increase in active applicants (312) came from structural workers who were laid off as projects were completed and weather would not permit new ones to begin. With 2,491 applicants registered from structural occupations, this group is also the largest, accounting for almost 25 percent of all active applicants. The clerical (1,711) and professional, technical and managerial (1,672) active job applicants groups are the next largest categories, each showing an increase of over 150 from the previous month. Concord, Dover, Portsmouth and Nashua each had over 200 active applicants with a professional background, while Salem, Lebanon, Nashua and Portsmouth each had a significantly higher proportion of professional active applicants than the State as a whole. Dover had 280 and Manchester had 225 clerical applicants. The number of active applicants from services increased by 114 from the previous month, while those from benchwork occupations increased 98 and applicants from machine trades increased 92. A large part of these increases came from the Dover office: 40 in services, 61 in benchwork, and 44 in machine trades.

Job openings received for February showed an increase of 61 over the 1,132 for January. An increase of 75 job openings in services offset a loss of job openings in benchwork (-21), packaging and material handling (-21), motor freight and transportation (-17), processing (-8) and machine trade (-4), and sales (-4). Slight gains were recorded for job openings received in February for professional, technical, and managerial (+9) and clerical (+15) over the previous month.

In February there was an average of 11 active applicants for every job opening received, as compared to 8 active applicants per opening in January. The greatest imbalance of active applicants (15) to job openings received (1) was in the Dover local office, where structural occupations registered 55 active applicants for every job opening received, and professional, technical and managerial and clerical categories each recorded 19 applicants for every job opening. The Salem local office had the lowest ratio of jobs (1) to applicants (4).

Statewide, active applicants to construction job openings were 28 to 1 while professional, technical and managerial had a 14 to 1 ratio.

ACTIVE JOB APPLICANTS BY OCCUPATION
FEBRUARY 1988

	Prof. Tech. & Mgr.	Clerical	Sales	Services	Farm	Process	Machine Trades	Benchwork	Struc. Work	Motor Freight & Trans.	Packaging & Material Handling	Misc.	Total
State	1,672	1,711	507	1,329	100	123	691	614	2,491	599	498	79	10,414
Berlin	40	71	27	81	4	3	19	11	78	22	10	1	367
Claremont	50	95	27	84	7	13	61	40	115	23	48	3	566
Concord	227	196	36	127	11	10	73	58	353	80	68	14	1,253
Conway	48	37	21	38	1	2	9	6	57	14	7	2	242
Dover	222	280	44	179	15	33	144	162	496	105	55	13	1,748
Keene	111	137	59	137	13	5	70	49	194	38	38	7	858
Laconia	97	149	30	104	10	12	63	33	288	75	26	7	896
Lebanon	90	66	25	40	5	3	21	17	52	29	7	2	357
Littleton	55	70	15	62	8	2	33	20	120	20	16	4	425
Manchester	154	225	101	212	8	10	61	74	204	51	83	11	1,194
Nashua	244	170	65	101	8	8	67	85	157	68	79	6	1,058
Portsmouth	249	184	47	141	6	19	57	43	322	59	49	7	1,183
Salem	85	31	10	23	4	3	11	16	55	15	10	2	265

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table A96

Active Applicants are individuals who have contacted a local office of the Department of Employment Security to seek employment or obtain employability development services, and are currently seeking employment. The numbers in this table do not represent only applicants registered during the month.

JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED BY OCCUPATION
FEBRUARY 1988

	Prof. Tech. & Mgr.	Clerical	Sales	Services	Farm	Process	Machine Trade	Benchwork	Struc. Work	Motor Freight & Trans.	Packaging & Material Handling	Misc.	Total
State	94	253	69	268	23	16	107	92	164	34	61	12	1,193
Berlin	3	9	1	12	7	0	11	0	2	0	2	5	52
Claremont	5	14	5	8	2	1	4	4	7	1	9	2	62
Concord	12	29	4	16	2	0	8	2	12	4	5	0	88
Conway	2	2	2	10	0	0	2	0	5	2	2	0	27
Dover	12	15	7	13	0	3	16	45	6	4	2	2	134
Keene	10	14	11	25	0	1	15	6	28	2	8	0	125
Laconia	4	21	8	27	2	2	8	9	26	3	5	0	109
Lebanon	7	17	4	15	1	0	7	1	20	4	1	2	79
Littleton	4	12	4	13	0	1	5	9	9	0	1	1	59
Manchester	9	30	7	34	2	3	9	7	16	5	7	0	122
Nashua	8	46	9	41	6	2	9	1	14	0	8	0	184
Portsmouth	6	24	4	16	1	3	6	8	14	5	1	0	90
Salem	6	16	5	10	0	1	11	5	2	5	8	0	69
All Other	12	4		0	0		1		0	0		0	17

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table 10

Openings Received are jobs listed by employers with a local office of the Department of Employment Security during the month. The figures are not cumulative.

ACTIVE JOB APPLICANTS, BY SEX, AGE, NUMBER OF MINORITIES
AND NUMBER OF VETERANS
FEBRUARY 1988

	Male	Female	Eligible Claimant	Minority	Veterans	Age Group: Less Than 45	Age Group: 45 And Over	Non-Agr. Open Rec.	Unfilled Total	Open 30 Days Or More	Total Act. App.
State	6,534	3,880	4,197	277	2,269	8,522	1,892	1,193	1,638	1,046	10,414
Berlin	202	165	106	3	62	281	86	52	67	33	367
Claremont	350	216	111	3	118	461	105	62	83	46	566
Concord	879	374	569	22	291	1,014	239	88	121	73	1,253
Conway	152	90	76	2	51	195	47	27	42	33	242
Dover	1,082	666	834	33	369	1,453	295	114	102	55	1,748
Keene	517	341	309	10	149	713	145	125	147	78	858
Laconia	595	301	442	5	211	742	154	109	140	88	896
Lebanon	235	122	94	7	99	276	81	75	90	50	357
Littleton	267	158	99	5	67	360	65	59	62	31	425
Manchester	700	496	427	53	262	998	198	122	173	71	1,196
Nashua	660	398	489	83	235	834	224	184	187	127	1,058
Portsmouth	723	460	494	44	300	987	196	90	214	165	1,183
Salem	172	93	147	7	55	208	57	69	109	68	265
All Other								17	141	128	

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table A96

JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED BY INDUSTRY
FEBRUARY 1988

	Agr., For. & Fish.	Construc. & Mining	Man-ufact-uring	Trans., Comm. & Util.	Trade	Fin., Ins. & Real Est.	Services	Public Admin.	Government	Total
State	16	144	300	18	241	57	371	46	59	1,193
Berlin	0	2	20	1	9	1	19	0	2	52
Claremont	1	3	22	2	13	4	16	1	5	67
Concord	2	12	18	1	9	7	30	9	8	88
Conway	0	3	2	1	9	1	11	0	0	27
Dover	0	8	52	2	12	2	36	2	11	114
Keene	0	24	30	3	39	2	26	1	1	125
Laconia	2	22	29	0	23	3	29	1	7	109
Lebanon	1	14	11	2	18	3	23	3	4	75
Littleton	0	9	14	0	12	6	16	2	1	59
Manchester	2	16	22	0	30	11	35	6	3	122
Nashua	7	4	36	1	25	16	93	2	1	184
Portsmouth	0	16	24	4	20	1	19	6	7	90
Salem	1	11	20	1	22	0	13	1	1	69
All Other			0				5	12	7	17

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table 10

Weekly Claims Filed During February
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U. C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Ex-Military Servicemen (UCX Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims
All Offices	3,340	14,034	14	25	10	5	26	37	10	28
Berlin	130	672	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	0
Claremont	157	346	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2
Concord	316	1,457	1	7	1	0	5	3	1	0
Conway	65	365	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Dover	460	1,854	2	1	1	0	9	5	2	6
Keene	279	680	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	3
Laconia	218	1,222	2	9	1	1	2	4	0	0
Lebanon	68	352	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Littleton	154	500	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Manchester	640	2,447	4	3	0	0	4	5	1	2
Nashua	331	1,287	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Portsmouth	228	1,257	1	2	0	1	2	6	1	3
Salem	131	367	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1
Liable Interstate	163	1,228	1	2	2	1	0	4	0	5

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $124.97

Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$164,605,508.99

Net contributions received during month:

$1,775,052.04

Net benefits paid during month:

$1,930,904.81

Interest Received:

$3,468,038.96

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1988	1987	1986	1985
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)				
All Items (1982-84=100)				
Current Month - February	116.0			
Percent change from year ago	3.9			
Year Average		113.6	109.6	
Percent change each year		3.6	--	
All Items (1967=100)				
Current Month - February	347.4			
Percent change from year ago	3.9			
Year Average		340.4	328.4	322.2
Percent change each year		3.7	1.9	3.6
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)				
All Items (1982-84=100)				
Current Month - February	114.7			
Percent change from year ago	3.8			
Year Average		112.5	108.6	
Percent change each year		3.6	--	
All Items (1967=100)				
Current Month - February	341.6			
Percent change from year ago	3.8			
Year Average		335.0	323.4	318.5
Percent change each year		3.6	1.5	3.5

NOTE:

Commencing with the January issue of Economic Conditions in New Hampshire, we began publishing a new Consumer Price Index series which uses the years 1982-1984 as the base period. Costs of a typical market basket of goods during that time span are indexed at 100. Periodic revisions in the consumer price index are necessary since new goods and services become available to consumers and spending patterns change over time. Data for both series will be provided for a transitional period. During this time there may be instances where the monthly rates of increase in the indexes will differ. Again, this will be due to the different weights assigned to various categories of goods.

NEW HAMPSHIRE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1987

PRELIMINARY

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$369.64	$373.84	$373.60	$372.71	$376.38	$384.29	$376.54	$379.03	$382.55	$387.45	$394.67	$401.82	$381.30
DURABLE GOODS	386.48	388.58	390.60	387.09	391.56	391.76	388.24	389.22	388.33	394.01	399.37	410.31	392.06
LUMBER & WOOD PRODUCTS	302.66	290.58	299.47	306.92	314.82	304.59	310.66	313.63	315.53	323.93	314.31	336.04	311.26
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	296.07	304.06	294.84	306.15	305.56	316.98	311.88	331.63	322.46	328.60	332.00	331.43	315.24
STONE & CLAY	368.83	384.98	397.78	379.67	382.73	352.93	356.06	357.06	372.16	363.74	366.36	362.06	370.15
PRIMARY METAL PRODUCTS	408.92	397.61	402.86	397.44	416.56	401.26	401.72	415.51	420.65	416.24	418.56	403.96	408.32
FABRICATED METAL PRODS.	384.86	382.72	382.55	372.91	378.14	387.49	385.81	392.90	386.63	393.81	407.55	423.36	390.51
MACHINERY (EXC. ELECT.)	420.18	420.53	419.96	419.52	418.71	419.34	414.52	416.02	419.44	430.45	439.46	440.83	423.55
ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS	404.74	414.08	413.91	408.65	[illegible]47	412.48	406.22	403.85	398.48	402.98	412.38	426.37	409.37
MISC. DURABLE GOODS	283.58	285.74	321.30	303.00	306.11	325.21	331.70	322.22	325.44	330.84	300.96	346.39	315.61
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	377.17	376.48	379.08	379.55	386.34	395.01	385.01	383.25	382.83	385.83	384.71	413.45	385.97
NONDURABLE GOODS	337.55	343.54	340.02	340.56	344.84	368.23	352.84	356.98	367.09	371.69	384.22	382.94	357.69
FOOD & KINDRED PROD.	380.80	400.57	404.58	413.91	443.84	458.64	467.10	463.73	484.16	483.36	512.31	511.92	450.47
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	327.33	324.61	312.64	318.06	304.55	312.17	311.00	322.75	320.00	322.70	318.53	321.26	318.01
APPAREL	233.63	232.75	209.33	214.83	228.12	240.24	222.48	247.38	247.38	242.48	248.16	241.15	233.85
PAPER & ALLIED PRODS.	458.96	479.69	479.28	477.56	488.83	527.60	515.90	514.92	552.29	546.18	535.19	520.30	508.51
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	355.16	356.57	351.56	352.54	345.75	358.53	363.44	361.75	373.84	372.68	383.90	399.78	365.18
LEATHER & LEATHER PRODS.	158.17	154.06	156.30	160.43	168.74	174.74	164.61	179.59	178.64	192.47	201.56	187.48	171.90
FOOTWEAR	175.42	170.56	173.89	180.20	189.75	195.66	184.80	200.36	195.09	200.57	204.20	189.06	188.07
OTHER NONDURABLES	363.29	372.10	370.68	364.84	370.98	413.03	356.28	368.15	367.09	377.30	402.38	400.98	377.06

BASED ON MARCH 1987 BENCHMARK

NEW HAMPSHIRE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1986

FINAL

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$353.42	$352.64	$354.19	$351.54	$357.93	$359.72	$355.69	$359.10	$366.08	$364.15	$375.48	$381.18	$361.32
DURABLE GOODS	366.74	363.44	364.62	361.08	369.22	369.41	361.67	367.20	376.55	374.18	386.20	394.31	370.46
LUMBER & WOOD PRODUCTS	256.51	255.65	258.14	258.82	269.10	272.34	257.69	279.18	285.37	282.17	286.48	297.84	271.75
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	274.86	274.82	277.20	284.66	288.08	281.71	276.58	286.72	287.60	274.45	302.21	305.45	284.31
STONE & CLAY & GLASS	353.19	351.11	336.98	350.58	370.19	358.62	362.95	361.54	362.06	358.23	370.19	367.63	358.25
PRIMARY METAL PRODUCTS	372.24	405.46	401.94	418.65	420.85	412.47	381.92	388.01	401.69	396.44	407.97	408.60	401.72
FABRICATED METAL PRODS.	348.25	336.41	338.61	340.16	341.34	350.56	325.37	340.95	353.20	353.12	349.71	376.48	346.33
MACHINERY (EXC. ELECT.)	401.31	404.04	407.48	404.61	408.22	392.91	395.96	398.37	403.52	402.75	417.95	421.29	405.10
ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS	390.42	374.33	377.29	360.36	384.62	400.68	385.50	386.48	404.75	398.78	411.04	425.85	391.27
MISC DURABLE GOODS	282.03	274.51	253.74	266.57	264.10	270.66	273.67	273.47	284.98	282.46	305.88	283.58	276.38
OTHER DURABLES	373.60	379.81	375.00	368.74	356.90	352.52	360.08	368.16	368.34	373.11	389.93	394.98	372.37
NONDURABLE GOODS	326.84	331.30	333.30	333.60	333.68	338.20	344.01	342.36	344.86	345.61	354.38	353.46	339.86
FOOD & KINDRED PRODS.	391.99	378.51	398.31	410.59	408.66	413.17	427.39	401.81	404.20	396.07	463.97	421.04	409.58
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	298.07	305.23	299.94	302.74	298.98	301.90	302.12	309.34	313.83	318.52	312.66	315.33	306.36
APPAREL	218.89	226.98	221.34	216.67	218.30	224.25	225.79	226.14	232.18	231.48	236.84	229.88	225.82
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	436.11	457.45	458.38	458.34	463.67	463.20	479.16	479.68	470.21	482.06	488.43	485.59	467.98
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	349.27	347.38	353.63	343.30	346.41	349.91	350.78	354.49	353.42	356.04	361.78	374.42	353.73
LEATHER & LEATHER PROD.	191.20	189.94	191.54	187.45	205.19	207.44	226.01	212.13	216.60	213.37	220.07	210.60	204.48
FOOTWEAR	178.68	176.69	173.84	166.92	188.27	191.54	219.29	197.84	203.31	197.61	205.34	194.30	189.86
OTHER NONDURABLES	357.00	362.66	360.67	360.74	346.68	354.65	346.68	353.74	362.46	357.93	364.49	369.46	357.93

BASED ON MARCH 1987 BENCHMARK

NEW HAMPSHIRE AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1987

PRELIMINARY

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	41.3	41.4	41.1	40.6	41.0	41.1	40.1	40.8	40.1	41.0	41.5	41.9	41.0
DURABLE GOODS	42.1	42.1	42.0	41.4	41.7	41.5	40.4	41.1	40.2	41.0	41.3	42.3	41.4
LUMBER & WOOD PRODUCTS	40.9	38.9	39.3	38.9	39.6	39.0	38.4	39.5	38.2	39.6	38.9	40.1	39.3
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	41.7	41.2	39.0	39.3	40.1	40.9	41.2	42.3	41.5	42.4	41.5	41.9	41.1
STONE & CLAY & GLASS	42.2	44.2	45.1	42.9	44.4	39.7	40.6	40.9	42.1	42.1	42.6	42.1	42.4
PRIMARY METAL PRODUCTS	44.4	42.8	43.6	43.2	44.6	43.1	42.6	43.6	41.2	43.0	43.6	44.1	43.3
FABRICATED METAL PRODS.	42.2	41.6	41.3	40.8	41.6	41.8	41.0	42.8	39.9	42.3	42.9	43.6	41.9
MACHINERY (EXC. ELECT.)	44.7	44.5	44.3	43.7	43.3	43.5	43.0	42.8	42.8	43.7	44.3	44.8	43.8
ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS	40.8	41.7	40.9	40.5	40.6	40.4	38.0	39.4	38.5	38.6	39.2	40.3	39.9
MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS	38.9	38.2	42.5	39.3	39.3	40.1	40.6	41.1	39.4	41.2	36.0	40.8	39.8
OTHER DURABLES	40.6	40.7	40.5	40.9	41.1	41.8	40.4	40.3	40.1	39.9	40.2	42.8	40.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.9	39.9	39.4	38.7	39.5	40.2	39.6	40.2	39.6	40.8	41.9	41.0	40.1
FOOD	41.8	41.0	42.1	40.5	42.8	44.1	43.9	40.5	41.1	42.4	42.2	43.2	42.1
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	42.4	42.6	41.3	41.2	41.1	40.7	40.6	42.3	39.9	40.9	41.1	41.4	41.3
APPAREL	37.5	37.3	33.6	34.1	35.7	36.4	34.6	38.0	37.2	36.3	37.6	36.1	36.2
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	46.5	47.4	47.5	46.5	46.6	50.2	48.9	48.9	47.9	50.2	49.1	48.4	48.2
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	38.9	38.8	37.4	36.8	36.9	37.9	38.5	37.8	38.5	38.7	39.7	40.3	38.4
LEATHER PRODUCTS	30.3	29.4	30.0	30.1	31.6	32.3	31.0	32.3	31.9	33.3	35.3	33.3	31.6
FOOTWEAR	33.8	32.8	33.7	34.0	35.6	36.3	35.0	36.1	34.9	34.7	35.7	33.7	34.7
OTHER NONDURABLES	40.5	40.8	40.6	39.4	40.5	40.1	38.6	40.5	39.6	41.1	43.5	41.0	40.5

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NEW HAMPSHIRE AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1986

FINAL

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	41.0	41.1	40.9	40.5	41.0	41.3	40.1	40.9	41.6	41.1	42.0	42.4	41.2
DURABLE GOODS	41.3	41.3	41.2	40.8	41.3	41.6	39.7	40.8	41.7	41.3	42.3	43.0	41.3
LUMBER & WOOD PRODUCTS	38.4	38.1	38.3	38.4	39.4	39.7	37.4	39.6	39.8	39.3	39.9	40.8	39.1
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	40.6	39.6	39.6	40.9	39.9	39.4	38.9	40.1	40.0	38.6	41.8	41.9	40.1
STONE & CLAY & GLASS	42.4	41.7	40.6	41.1	42.6	41.7	42.5	41.7	42.1	41.8	42.6	42.5	41.9
PRIMARY METAL PRODUCTS	39.6	41.8	42.0	43.7	44.3	43.1	41.2	40.8	43.1	42.4	44.2	45.0	42.6
FABRICATED METAL PRODS.	40.4	39.3	39.1	39.6	39.1	39.3	36.6	38.7	40.0	39.9	38.9	41.6	39.4
MACHINERY (EXC. ELECT.)	44.1	44.4	44.1	43.6	43.8	43.9	41.9	42.2	42.7	43.4	44.7	45.3	43.7
ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS	40.5	40.6	40.7	39.0	40.7	42.0	38.9	40.3	41.9	40.9	41.9	42.5	40.8
MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS	39.5	38.5	36.3	38.3	38.0	38.5	37.8	38.9	39.2	38.8	40.3	38.9	38.6
OTHER DURABLES	41.1	41.6	41.3	40.7	39.7	39.3	39.7	41.6	42.0	40.6	42.2	42.7	41.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.5	40.7	40.4	40.0	40.3	40.6	41.1	41.1	41.4	40.9	41.4	41.1	40.8
FOOD	42.7	40.7	42.6	41.1	41.7	43.4	44.8	42.7	43.0	41.3	43.2	41.4	42.4
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	42.1	42.1	41.2	41.7	40.9	40.2	39.7	41.3	41.9	42.3	41.8	41.6	41.4
APPAREL	37.1	38.8	37.2	36.6	37.0	37.5	38.4	38.2	38.0	37.7	38.2	37.5	37.7
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	46.1	47.9	47.5	47.3	47.9	48.1	48.4	48.6	47.4	48.4	48.6	49.0	47.9
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	40.1	39.7	39.6	38.4	37.9	38.2	37.8	39.3	39.4	38.7	39.8	38.6	39.0
LEATHER PRODUCTS	34.7	34.1	33.9	32.6	35.5	35.4	38.9	36.7	36.9	35.8	37.3	36.0	35.5
FOOTWEAR	34.1	33.4	32.8	31.2	34.8	34.7	39.3	36.3	36.5	35.1	36.8	35.2	34.9
OTHER NONDURABLES	40.8	41.4	40.8	40.9	40.5	41.0	40.5	40.8	42.0	41.0	41.0	41.7	41.0

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NEW HAMPSHIRE AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1987

PRELIMINARY

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$8.95	$9.03	$9.09	$9.18	$9.18	$9.35	$9.39	$9.29	$9.54	$9.45	$9.51	$9.59	$9.30
DURABLE GOODS	9.18	9.23	9.30	9.35	9.39	9.44	9.61	9.47	9.66	9.61	9.67	9.70	9.47
LUMBER & WOOD PRODUCTS	7.40	7.47	7.62	7.89	7.95	7.81	8.09	7.94	8.26	8.18	8.08	8.38	7.92
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	7.10	7.38	7.56	7.79	7.62	7.75	7.57	7.84	7.77	7.75	8.00	7.91	7.67
STONE & CLAY	8.74	8.71	8.82	8.85	8.62	8.89	8.77	8.73	8.84	8.64	8.60	8.60	8.73
PRIMARY METAL PRODUCTS	9.21	9.29	9.24	9.20	9.34	9.31	9.43	9.53	10.21	9.68	9.60	9.16	9.43
FABRICATED METAL PRODS.	9.12	9.20	9.13	9.14	9.09	9.27	9.41	9.18	9.69	9.31	9.50	9.71	9.32
MACHINERY (EXC. ELECT.)	9.40	9.45	9.48	9.60	9.67	9.64	9.64	9.72	9.80	9.85	9.92	9.84	9.67
ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS	9.92	9.93	10.12	10.09	10.12	10.21	10.69	10.25	10.35	10.44	10.52	10.58	10.26
MISC. DURABLE GOODS	7.29	7.48	7.56	7.71	7.84	8.11	8.17	7.84	8.26	8.03	8.36	8.49	7.93
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	9.29	9.25	9.36	9.28	9.40	9.45	9.53	9.51	9.54	9.67	9.57	9.66	9.46
NONDURABLE GOODS	8.46	8.61	8.63	8.80	8.73	9.16	8.91	8.88	9.27	9.11	9.17	9.34	8.92
FOOD & KINDRED PROD.	9.11	9.77	9.61	10.22	10.37	10.40	10.64	11.45	11.78	11.40	12.14	11.85	10.70
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	7.72	7.62	7.57	7.72	7.41	7.67	7.66	7.63	8.02	7.89	7.75	7.76	7.70
APPAREL	6.23	6.24	6.23	6.30	6.39	6.60	6.43	6.51	6.65	6.68	6.60	6.68	6.46
PAPER & ALLIED PRODS.	9.87	10.12	10.09	10.27	10.49	10.51	10.55	10.53	11.53	10.88	10.90	10.75	10.55
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	9.13	9.19	9.40	9.58	9.37	9.46	9.44	9.57	9.71	9.63	9.67	9.92	9.51
LEATHER & LEATHER PRODS.	5.22	5.24	5.21	5.33	5.34	5.41	5.31	5.56	5.60	5.78	5.71	5.63	5.44
FOOTWEAR	5.19	5.20	5.16	5.30	5.33	5.39	5.28	5.55	5.59	5.78	5.72	5.61	5.42
OTHER NONDURABLES	8.97	9.12	9.13	9.26	9.16	10.30	9.23	9.09	9.27	9.18	9.25	9.78	9.31

BASED ON MARCH 1987 BENCHMARK

NEW HAMPSHIRE AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1986

FINAL

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$8.62	$8.58	$8.66	$8.68	$8.73	$8.71	$8.87	$8.78	$8.80	$8.86	$8.94	$8.99	$8.77
DURABLE GOODS	8.88	8.80	8.85	8.85	8.94	8.88	9.11	9.00	9.03	9.06	9.13	9.17	8.97
LUMBER & WOOD PRODUCTS	6.68	6.71	6.74	6.74	6.83	6.86	6.89	7.05	7.17	7.18	7.18	7.30	6.95
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	6.77	6.94	7.00	6.96	7.22	7.15	7.11	7.15	7.19	7.11	7.23	7.29	7.09
STONE & CLAY	8.33	8.42	8.30	8.53	8.69	8.60	8.54	8.67	8.60	8.57	8.69	8.65	8.55
PRIMARY METAL PRODUCTS	9.40	9.70	9.57	9.58	9.50	9.57	9.27	9.51	9.32	9.35	9.23	9.08	9.43
FABRICATED METAL PRODS.	8.62	8.56	8.66	8.59	8.73	8.92	8.89	8.81	8.83	8.85	8.99	9.05	8.79
MACHINERY (EXC. ELECT.)	9.10	9.10	9.24	9.28	9.32	8.95	9.45	9.44	9.45	9.28	9.35	9.30	9.27
ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS	9.64	9.22	9.27	9.24	9.45	9.54	9.91	9.59	9.66	9.75	9.81	10.02	9.59
MISC. DURABLE GOODS	7.14	7.13	6.99	6.96	6.95	7.03	7.24	7.03	7.27	7.28	7.59	7.29	7.16
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	9.09	9.13	9.08	9.06	8.99	8.97	9.07	8.85	8.77	9.19	9.24	9.25	9.06
NONDURABLE GOODS	8.07	8.14	8.25	8.34	8.28	8.33	8.37	8.33	8.33	8.45	8.56	8.60	8.33
FOOD & KINDRED PROD.	9.18	9.30	9.35	9.99	9.80	9.52	9.54	9.41	9.40	9.59	10.74	10.17	9.66
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	7.08	7.25	7.28	7.26	7.31	7.51	7.61	7.49	7.49	7.53	7.48	7.58	7.40
APPAREL	5.90	5.85	5.95	5.92	5.90	5.98	5.88	5.92	6.11	6.14	6.20	6.13	5.99
PAPER & ALLIED PRODS.	9.46	9.55	9.65	9.69	9.68	9.63	9.90	9.87	9.92	9.96	10.05	9.91	9.77
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	8.71	8.75	8.93	8.94	9.14	9.16	9.28	9.02	8.97	9.20	9.09	9.70	9.07
LEATHER & LEATHER PRODS.	5.51	5.57	5.65	5.75	5.78	5.86	5.81	5.78	5.87	5.96	5.90	5.85	5.76
FOOTWEAR	5.24	5.29	5.30	5.35	5.41	5.52	5.58	5.45	5.57	5.63	5.58	5.52	5.44
OTHER NONDURABLES	8.75	8.76	8.84	8.82	8.56	8.65	8.56	8.67	8.63	8.73	8.89	8.86	8.73

BASED ON MARCH 1987 BENCHMARK

MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1987

PRELIMINARY

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$355.90	$366.21	$360.99	$359.68	$362.80	$371.97	$369.81	$375.84	$379.69	$385.52	$392.45	$401.55	$372.93
DURABLE GOODS	372.88	384.64	383.27	378.18	380.60	386.50	390.78	391.84	395.14	399.84	403.12	414.91	390.26
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL	373.43	400.00	403.10	389.77	391.81	398.52	394.39	398.97	396.93	403.51	414.22	424.15	398.40
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	371.11	364.38	359.66	364.41	368.06	371.53	386.54	381.40	393.96	395.36	388.61	403.30	378.49
NONDURABLE GOODS	328.84	336.49	323.57	327.98	330.87	346.10	333.52	349.03	354.55	363.30	374.07	378.58	345.26
TEXTILE & APPAREL	303.97	300.76	269.35	274.53	261.85	287.98	286.13	306.75	309.17	309.26	304.04	295.30	292.11
OTHER NONDURABLES	340.27	353.64	348.50	350.61	360.82	371.52	351.65	365.85	374.51	384.38	402.60	411.28	367.53

BASED ON MARCH 1987 BENCHMARK

MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1986

FINAL

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$340.00	$345.54	$346.46	$349.60	$349.44	$359.72	$348.38	$359.98	$370.24	$364.90	$368.59	$373.68	$356.00
DURABLE GOODS	354.51	359.29	357.37	366.17	361.95	375.06	369.02	377.61	388.27	382.73	385.16	393.71	372.27
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL	364.11	360.45	365.20	365.82	363.09	379.61	357.34	362.40	387.16	385.54	396.77	407.12	374.44
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	341.78	358.36	346.79	365.93	360.91	368.38	382.78	396.83	388.85	380.21	370.36	376.83	369.55
NONDURABLE GOODS	317.48	324.02	328.14	324.75	329.67	336.10	315.21	334.22	341.74	337.35	345.26	342.74	331.59
TEXTILE & APPAREL	281.48	294.84	293.94	296.19	277.14	295.89	284.86	289.04	293.79	287.83	295.80	294.52	290.70
OTHER NONDURABLES	331.01	335.38	342.36	335.76	351.05	352.38	327.62	352.17	361.56	356.17	365.49	362.50	347.77

BASED ON MARCH 1987 BENCHMARK

MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1987

PRELIMINARY

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	39.5	40.6	39.8	39.7	40.0	40.3	39.3	40.5	39.8	40.2	40.5	41.1	40.1
DURABLE GOODS	38.6	39.9	39.8	39.6	39.4	39.6	39.0	39.7	39.2	39.2	39.1	40.4	39.5
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL	38.3	40.9	41.6	40.1	40.3	40.5	39.4	40.3	39.3	39.1	39.6	41.1	40.0
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	38.9	38.6	37.7	39.1	38.3	38.5	38.5	38.8	39.2	39.3	38.4	39.5	38.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.9	41.8	39.8	39.9	41.0	41.4	39.8	41.8	40.8	42.0	42.8	42.3	41.2
TEXTILE & APPAREL	41.3	41.2	37.1	36.8	37.3	37.4	37.5	40.9	40.1	39.7	39.9	38.4	39.0
OTHER NONDURABLES	40.8	42.1	41.0	41.2	42.6	43.2	40.7	42.1	41.2	42.9	44.0	43.8	42.1

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MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1986

FINAL

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	40.0	40.7	40.1	40.0	39.8	40.6	39.3	41.0	41.6	41.0	41.0	41.2	40.5
DURABLE GOODS	39.0	39.7	39.1	39.5	39.3	39.9	38.6	40.3	41.0	40.5	40.5	41.4	39.9
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL	40.1	40.5	40.0	40.2	39.9	40.6	38.3	40.0	41.9	41.5	42.3	42.9	40.7
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	37.6	38.7	37.9	38.6	38.6	38.9	38.9	40.7	39.8	39.4	38.3	39.5	38.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	41.5	42.3	41.6	40.9	40.7	41.7	39.9	42.2	42.4	41.7	41.9	40.9	41.5
TEXTILE & APPAREL	40.5	42.0	41.4	41.6	39.2	40.7	39.4	40.2	40.3	40.2	40.8	40.4	40.6
OTHER NONDURABLES	41.9	42.4	41.7	40.6	41.3	42.1	40.1	43.0	43.3	42.3	42.4	41.1	41.9

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MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1987

PRELIMINARY

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$9.01	$9.02	$9.07	$9.06	$9.07	$9.23	$9.41	$9.28	$9.54	$9.59	$9.69	$9.77	$9.30
DURABLE GOODS	9.66	9.64	9.63	9.55	9.66	9.76	10.02	9.87	10.08	10.20	10.31	10.27	9.88
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL	9.75	9.78	9.69	9.72	9.71	9.84	10.01	9.90	10.10	10.32	10.46	10.32	9.96
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	9.54	9.44	9.54	9.32	9.61	9.65	10.04	9.83	10.05	10.06	10.12	10.21	9.78
NONDURABLE GOODS	8.04	8.05	8.13	8.22	8.07	8.36	8.38	8.35	8.69	8.65	8.74	8.95	8.38
TEXTILE & APPAREL	7.36	7.30	7.26	7.46	7.02	7.70	7.63	7.50	7.71	7.79	7.62	7.69	7.49
OTHER NONDURABLES	8.34	8.40	8.50	8.51	8.47	8.60	8.64	8.69	9.09	8.96	9.15	9.39	8.73

BASED ON MARCH 1987 BENCHMARK

MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1986

FINAL

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$8.50	$8.49	$8.64	$8.74	$8.78	$8.86	$8.91	$8.78	$8.90	$8.90	$8.99	$9.07	$8.79
DURABLE GOODS	9.09	9.05	9.14	9.27	9.21	9.40	9.56	9.37	9.47	9.45	9.51	9.51	9.33
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL	9.08	8.90	9.13	9.10	9.10	9.35	9.33	9.06	9.24	9.29	9.38	9.49	9.20
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	9.09	9.26	9.15	9.48	9.35	9.47	9.84	9.75	9.77	9.65	9.67	9.54	9.50
NONDURABLE GOODS	7.65	7.66	7.90	7.94	8.10	8.06	7.90	7.92	8.06	8.09	8.24	8.38	7.99
TEXTILE AND APPAREL	6.95	7.02	7.10	7.12	7.07	7.27	7.23	7.19	7.29	7.16	7.25	7.29	7.16
OTHER NONDURABLE	7.90	7.91	8.21	8.27	8.50	8.37	8.17	8.19	8.35	8.42	8.62	8.82	8.30

BASED ON MARCH 1987 BENCHMARK

NASHUA PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1987

PRELIMINARY

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$454.11	$458.96	$462.42	$462.18	$464.54	$467.60	$455.63	$454.58	$467.71	$473.21	$482.47	$490.88	$466.16
DURABLE GOODS	469.26	471.49	475.84	476.58	476.30	475.30	461.54	460.32	469.20	482.98	486.36	502.12	475.57
MACHINERY & ELECT.	507.95	509.58	512.55	511.34	512.68	509.29	494.51	493.29	498.97	514.18	520.83	531.25	509.96
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	381.29	383.95	393.76	396.77	395.25	393.47	381.36	387.92	403.65	408.20	406.50	434.77	397.10
NONDURABLE GOODS	395.21	411.34	412.97	410.22	417.48	440.70	431.24	429.28	460.12	437.75	471.65	448.23	430.16

NASHUA PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1986

FINAL

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$422.51	$401.36	$434.30	$423.55	$431.14	$425.39	$426.12	$429.04	$443.10	$449.45	$467.20	$473.04	$435.53
DURABLE GOODS	428.89	402.17	441.60	427.43	437.54	431.39	429.87	436.07	455.18	462.84	477.86	487.73	442.62
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL	464.02	439.71	484.03	462.24	478.08	469.26	464.40	466.72	491.15	493.38	509.76	520.80	478.40
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	344.02	343.58	339.76	340.98	343.88	344.16	349.11	363.72	372.16	389.53	400.93	409.05	361.62
NONDURABLE GOODS	394.38	398.29	404.42	410.04	404.38	399.00	408.44	401.20	394.21	401.00	429.32	413.70	405.41

BASED ON MARCH 1987 BENCHMARK

NASHUA PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1987

PRELIMINARY

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	41.7	41.8	42.0	41.6	41.7	41.9	40.5	40.3	40.6	40.9	41.7	42.5	41.4
DURABLE GOODS	42.2	42.4	42.6	42.4	42.3	42.4	40.7	40.7	40.8	41.6	42.0	43.1	41.9
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL	42.4	42.5	42.5	42.4	42.3	42.3	40.6	40.5	40.6	41.2	41.8	42.5	41.8
OTHER DURABLES	41.9	42.1	42.8	42.3	42.5	42.4	40.7	41.4	41.4	42.3	42.3	44.5	42.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.8	39.4	39.9	38.7	39.2	40.1	39.6	38.5	39.7	38.5	40.8	40.2	39.5

NASHUA PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1986

FINAL

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	41.1	40.5	41.6	40.3	41.1	41.3	40.2	40.9	42.0	41.5	43.1	43.2	41.4
DURABLE GOODS	41.2	40.5	41.7	40.4	41.2	41.6	40.1	41.1	42.5	42.0	43.6	43.9	41.6
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL	41.1	41.6	42.2	40.3	41.5	42.2	40.0	40.2	41.8	41.6	43.2	43.4	41.6
OTHER DURABLES	41.2	41.0	40.4	40.4	40.6	40.3	40.5	43.3	44.2	42.9	44.4	45.0	42.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.7	40.6	41.1	40.2	40.6	39.9	40.4	40.2	39.9	39.9	41.4	40.4	40.5

BASED ON MARCH 1987 BENCHMARK

NASHUA PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1987

PRELIMINARY

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$10.89	$10.98	$11.01	$11.11	$11.14	$11.16	$11.25	$11.28	$11.52	$11.57	$11.57	$11.55	$11.26
DURABLE GOODS	11.12	11.12	11.17	11.24	11.26	11.21	11.34	11.31	11.50	11.61	11.58	11.65	11.35
MACHINERY & ELECT.	11.98	11.99	12.06	12.06	12.12	12.04	12.18	12.18	12.29	12.48	12.46	12.50	12.20
OTHER DURABLES	9.10	9.12	9.20	9.38	9.30	9.28	9.37	9.37	9.75	9.65	9.61	9.77	9.41
NONDURABLE GOODS	9.93	10.44	10.35	10.60	10.65	10.99	10.89	11.15	11.59	11.37	11.56	11.15	10.89

NASHUA PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1986

FINAL

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$10.28	$9.91	$10.44	$10.51	$10.49	$10.30	$10.60	$10.49	$10.55	$10.83	$10.84	$10.95	$10.52
DURABLE GOODS	10.41	9.93	10.59	10.58	10.62	10.37	10.72	10.61	10.71	11.02	10.96	11.11	10.64
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL	11.29	10.57	11.47	11.47	11.52	11.12	11.61	11.61	11.75	11.86	11.80	12.00	11.50
OTHER DURABLES	8.35	8.38	8.41	8.44	8.47	8.54	8.62	8.40	8.42	9.08	9.03	9.09	8.61
NONDURABLE GOODS	9.69	9.81	9.84	10.20	9.96	10.00	10.11	9.98	9.88	10.05	10.37	10.24	10.01

BASED ON MARCH 1987 BENCHMARK

PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER MSA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1987

PRELIMINARY

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$347.21	$353.82	$363.45	$355.39	$362.18	$371.73	$365.88	$367.48	$365.71	$364.81	$370.96	$372.71	$363.20
DURABLE GOODS	386.11	386.65	402.78	391.23	404.01	410.41	406.00	401.76	400.16	387.77	388.90	390.93	396.17
NONDURABLE GOODS	293.36	307.62	308.09	303.91	300.17	312.66	297.54	306.52	309.99	327.20	342.30	344.18	311.95

PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER MSA AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS 1986

FINAL

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$357.00	$354.24	$360.93	$357.46	$358.09	$360.74	$343.77	$337.56	$344.80	$349.97	$361.21	$360.67	$353.83
DURABLE GOODS	397.58	409.??	418.82	411.09	408.31	407.58	376.15	374.01	380.16	386.75	398.16	401.40	397.44
NONDURABLE GOODS	300.70	280.46	280.50	283.46	286.51	290.30	289.69	287.57	295.07	298.85	308.50	304.17	291.80

BASED ON MARCH 1987 BENCHMARK

PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER MSA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1987

PRELIMINARY

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	39.5	39.8	40.7	39.4	39.8	40.1	39.3	39.9	40.1	40.4	40.9	40.6	40.0
DURABLE GOODS	40.6	40.7	42.0	40.5	41.1	41.0	40.6	40.5	41.0	40.1	40.3	41.5	40.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.0	38.5	38.9	37.8	37.9	38.6	37.1	38.8	38.7	40.9	42.0	39.2	38.8

PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER MSA AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS 1986

FINAL

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	40.8	40.3	40.6	40.3	40.6	40.9	38.8	38.8	40.0	40.6	41.0	40.8	40.3
DURABLE GOODS	41.2	42.1	43.0	42.6	42.4	42.5	38.5	39.0	40.4	41.1	42.0	41.9	41.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.2	37.9	37.3	37.2	38.1	38.4	39.2	38.6	39.5	39.9	39.5	39.4	38.7

BASED ON MARCH 1987 BENCHMARK

PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER MSA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1987

PRELIMINARY

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$8.79	$8.89	$8.93	$9.02	$9.10	$9.27	$9.31	$9.21	$9.12	$9.03	$9.07	$9.18	$9.08
DURABLE GOODS	9.51	9.50	9.59	9.66	9.83	10.01	10.00	9.92	9.76	9.67	9.65	9.42	9.71
NONDURABLE GOODS	7.72	7.99	7.92	8.04	7.92	8.10	8.02	7.90	8.01	8.00	8.15	8.78	8.04

PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER MSA AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1986

FINAL

Industry	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual Average
MANUFACTURING	$8.75	$8.79	$8.89	$8.87	$8.82	$8.82	$8.86	$8.70	$8.62	$8.62	$8.81	$8.84	$8.78
DURABLE GOODS	9.65	9.72	9.74	9.65	9.63	9.59	9.77	9.59	9.41	9.41	9.48	9.58	9.60
NONDURABLE GOODS	7.48	7.40	7.52	7.62	7.52	7.56	7.39	7.45	7.47	7.49	7.81	7.72	7.54

BASED ON MARCH 1987 BENCHMARK

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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Unemployment in New Hampshire was 16,830 in March, a drop of 1,580 from February. The unemployment rate also declined to 2.8 percent in March compared to 3.1 percent in February. Last year the level of unemployment was about the same at 2.9 percent. Nationally, unemployment rates have dropped to the lowest levels in 14 years with a rate of 5.9 percent for March. Unemployment in the United States was 7,090,000 in March, a 392,000 drop from February. February represented the thirty-first consecutive month in which New Hampshire recorded the lowest unemployment rate in the nation (based on the latest data available by state).

The civilian labor force in New Hampshire was 590,780 in March, 23,640 more workers than a year ago.

New Hampshire nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimate, based on a sample of employers, was pegged at 519,100 in March, a 2,200 increase from the February level of 516,900. Most of the increase (1,800) was found in the nonmanufacturing sector. Government employment increased by 500, services employment by 600, and construction employment by 500. The observed increase in government employment was primarily accounted for by student workers at state educational institutions. Construction employment typically increases as spring begins.

However, we might expect even more rapid increases in construction employment and higher employment levels in the next several months. According to the F.W. Dodge Division of McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company, February contracts for future construction in New Hampshire (an indication of upcoming building activity and construction employment) totalled $114,615,000 compared to $65,280,000 in February a year ago. Cumulative contracts for 1988 totalled $236,276,000 compared to $147,542,000 during the comparable two-month period in 1987. Two-thirds of the February contracts were for residential construction; slightly more than sixty percent of cumulative contracts were for residential construction. The February nonbuilding construction contracts component was $5,777,000, up slightly from $5,399,000 a year earlier. However, cumulative totals for 1988 nonbuilding construction reached only $10,637,000 compared to the corresponding amount of $37,002,000 in 1987.

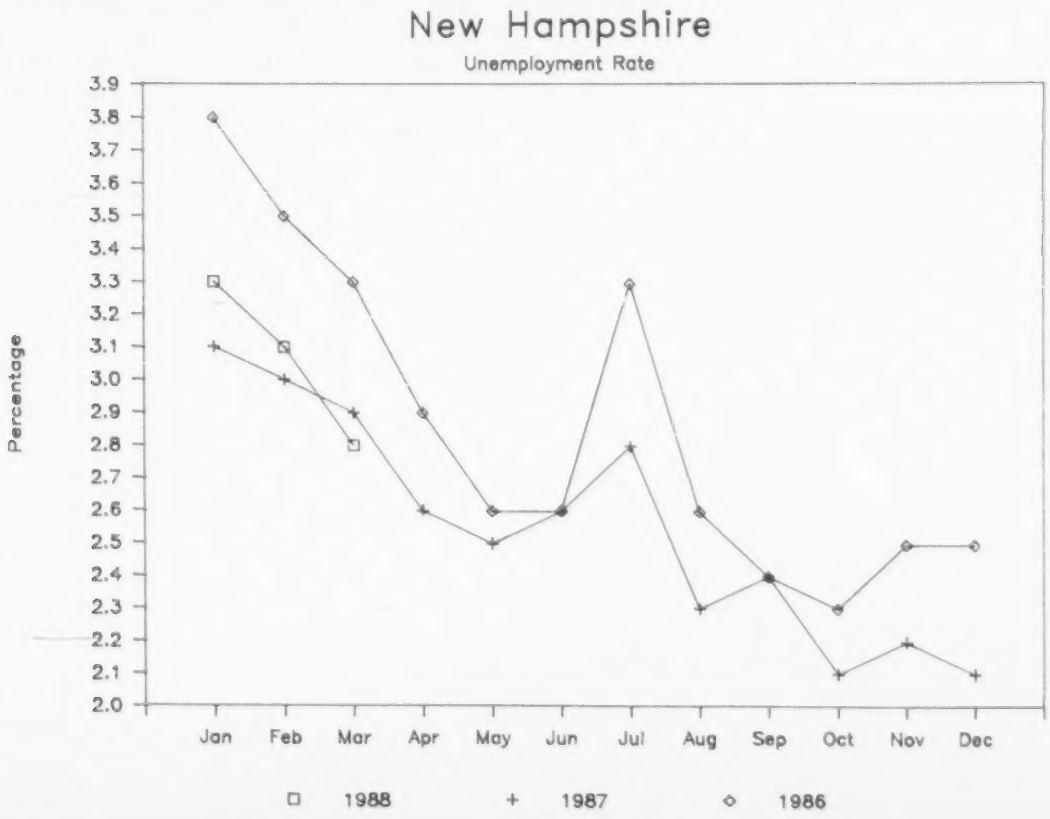
Labor markets in coming months are expected to remain tight. The low unemployment rate experienced in New Hampshire is only one facet of this issue. News recently released by the United State Department of labor also indicates that the labor force participation rate (defined as the percentage of the civilian population, age 16 years or older, that is either employed or

unemployed but looking for work) in the State was 73.1 percent in 1987, compared to 68.5 percent for New England and 65.6 percent nationwide. As Richard Frye points out elsewhere in this issue, New Hampshire females and teenagers (16-19 years old) have above average labor force participation rates. In fact, teenagers in New Hampshire had a higher attachment to the labor force (67.8 percent participation rate) than that of the nationwide civilian noninstitutional population age 16 years or older (65.6 percent participation rate).

The low unemployment rates experienced in 1987 by New Hampshire females (2.6 percent) and teenagers (5.8 percent), coupled with their strong labor force attachments, means that employers will have difficulty coaxing substantial numbers of workers into the labor force. Higher wage rates can be seen as partly an effort to attract workers, but also partly a defensive measure to retain employees.

Average weekly earnings in New Hampshire manufacturing were $383.66 in March, up from $371.06 in February. This was the combined result of a 1.2 hour increase in average weekly hours and a $0.05 increase in average hourly earnings. Average weekly hours were estimated to have increased in all industries or industrial groupings, with the largest increases found in the textile mill products (+2.8) and stone and clay products (+2.7) industries. Highest average weekly earnings were estimated for the paper and allied products industry ($498.58) and primary metal products ($466.80).

March unemployment figures reveal that the Keene Labor Market Area had the lowest rate (2.0 percent). Unemployment data for all labor market areas and counties can be found on page 5.



NEW HAMPSHIRE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AS OF THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Industry	Number of Workers Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Numerical Change From Previous Month	Previous Year
1. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE*	590,780	585,670	567,140	5,110	23,640
2. UNEMPLOYMENT	16,830	18,410	16,550	-1,580	280
PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE	2.8	3.1	2.9	xxx	xxx
3. EMPLOYMENT TOTAL	573,950	567,260	550,290	6,690	23,660
4. PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR DISPUTES	0	0	300	0	-300
NONACRI. WAGE & SALARY**	519,100	516,900	497,850	2,200	21,250
MANUFACTURING	122,000	121,600	117,450	400	4,550
Durable Goods	85,650	85,150	81,150	500	4,500
Lumber & Wood Prods.	6,050	6,000	6,200	50	-150
Furniture & Fixtures	1,750	1,750	1,550	0	200
Stone & Clay Prods.	3,650	3,650	3,350	0	300
Primary Metal Prods.	4,700	4,600	4,250	100	450
Fabricated Metal Prods.	7,000	7,000	6,650	0	350
Machinery (Exc. Elec.)	26,450	26,200	25,050	250	1,400
Electrical Prods.	24,400	24,350	22,750	50	1,650
Miscellaneous Prods.	2,050	2,050	2,050	0	0
Other Durable Goods	9,600	9,550	9,300	50	300
Nondurable Goods	36,350	36,450	36,300	-100	50
Food & Kindred Prods.	2,800	2,950	2,950	-150	-150
Textile Mill Prods.	3,650	3,700	3,850	-50	-200
Apparel	1,850	1,850	2,050	0	-200
Paper & Allied Prods.	5,800	5,900	5,600	-100	200
Print., Pub. & Allied	8,850	8,700	7,800	150	1,050
Leather & Lea. Prods.	3,600	3,600	4,100	0	-500
Other Nondurable Goods	9,800	9,750	9,950	50	-150
NONMANUFACTURING	397,100	395,300	380,400	1,800	16,700
Construction (inc. mining)	35,400	34,900	33,000	500	2,400
Transp., comm. & utilities	17,400	17,300	16,800	100	600
Trade	129,000	128,800	124,450	200	4,550
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	33,150	33,250	30,550	-100	2,600
Service Industry & Other	115,800	115,200	109,600	600	6,200
Government	66,350	65,850	66,000	500	350
Federal	8,550	8,550	8,350	0	200
State	18,000	17,700	17,300	300	700
Local	39,800	39,600	40,350	200	-550

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment

MSA LABOR FORCE, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT, AND NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AS OF THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Industry	Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA					Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Month	Year	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Month	Year	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Month	Year
1. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE*	86,180	84,350	83,460	1,830	2,720	100,240	97,490	94,390	2,750	5,850	131,480	128,760	124,680	2,720	6,800
2. UNEMPLOYMENT	2,100	2,520	2,090	-420	10	2,630	2,860	2,720	-230	-90	3,090	3,670	3,580	-580	-490
PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE	2.4	3.0	2.5	xxx	xxx	2.6	2.9	2.9	xxx	xxx	2.4	2.9	2.9	xxx	xxx
3. EMPLOYMENT TOTAL	84,080	81,830	81,370	2,250	2,710	97,610	94,630	91,670	2,980	5,940	128,390	125,090	120,800	3,300	7,590
4. PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR DISPUTES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	0	-300
NONAGRI. WAGE & SALARY	85,750	85,200	84,500	550	1,250	94,750	94,050	90,350	700	4,400	109,300	108,900	104,100	400	5,200
MANUFACTURING	12,100	12,050	12,850	50	-750	37,250	36,950	35,800	300	1,450	20,900	21,000	20,500	100	400
Durable Goods	7,500	7,500	7,900	0	-400	31,000	30,850	29,400	150	1,600	13,100	13,100	12,400	0	700
Machinery & elec. prods.	4,300	4,250	4,500	50	-200	23,650	23,450	22,000	200	1,650					
Other durables	3,200	3,250	3,400	-50	-200	7,350	7,400	7,400	-50	-50					
Nondurable Goods	4,500	4,550	4,950	50	-350	6,250	6,100	6,400	150	-150	7,800	7,900	8,100	-100	-300
Textile mill prods.	1,200	1,200	1,500	-0	-300										
Other nondurables	3,400	3,350	3,450	50	-50										
NONMANUFACTURING	73,650	73,150	71,650	500	2,000	57,500	57,100	54,550	400	2,950	88,400	87,900	83,600	500	4,800
Construction (inc. mining)	5,500	5,400	5,400	100	100	5,350	5,200	4,650	150	700	5,900	5,800	5,450	100	450
Transp., comm. & utilities	5,200	5,150	5,000	50	200	2,050	2,100	2,100	-50	-50	2,850	2,800	2,800	50	50
Trade	24,400	24,300	23,100	100	1,300	21,400	21,300	20,900	100	500	27,850	27,800	26,150	50	1,700
Finance, ins. & real est.	8,650	8,600	8,300	50	350	4,150	4,050	3,650	100	500	6,550	6,550	6,200	0	350
Service industry & other	21,350	21,200	21,550	150	-200	17,350	17,300	16,600	50	750	19,600	19,600	18,150	0	1,450
Government	8,550	8,500	8,300	50	250	7,200	7,150	6,650	50	550	25,650	25,350	24,850	300	800
Federal	2,650	2,600	2,500	50	150	850	850	850	0	0	10,100	10,100	10,100	0	0
State	850	850	850	0	0	250	250	250	0	0	5,600	5,350	5,500	250	100
Local	5,050	5,050	4,950	0	100	6,000	6,050	5,550	50	550	9,950	9,900	9,250	50	700

* By place of residence Benchmark Labor Disputes: 0

** By place of establishment

Manchester MSA: includes the city of Manchester and the towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, and Hooksett

Nashua PMSA: includes the city of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester NH-ME MSA: includes the New Hampshire cities of Dover, Portsmouth, Rochester, and Somersworth, the New Hampshire towns of Barrington, Durham, Exeter, Farmington, Greenland, Hampton, Lee, Madbury, Milton, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Rollingsford, Rye, and Stratham, and the Maine towns of Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, North Berwick, Ogunquit, South Berwick, Wells, and York.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

Area	Unemployment*						Numerical Change From Previous		Civilian Labor Force			Numerical Change From Previous	
	March 1988		February 1988		March 1987				March	February	March		
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year	1988	1988	1987	Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	7,090	5.9	7,482	6.2	8,124	6.9	-392	-1,034	119,957	119,942	118,353	15	1,604
NEW HAMPSHIRE	16,830	2.8	18,410	3.1	16,550	2.9	-1,580	280	590,780	585,670	567,140	5,110	23,640
BERLIN	770	3.1	840	3.3	780	3.2	-70	-10	25,090	25,580	24,270	-490	820
CLAREMONT	1,390	3.5	890	2.2	860	2.3	500	530	39,390	39,620	37,860	-230	1,530
CONCORD	1,370	2.6	1,540	2.9	1,180	2.3	-170	190	52,660	53,310	51,240	-650	1,420
KEENE	820	2.0	1,000	2.5	730	1.9	-180	90	40,140	40,430	38,290	-290	1,850
LACONIA	1,360	2.7	1,430	2.8	1,410	2.9	-70	-50	50,190	50,700	48,870	-510	1,320
LITTLETON	510	2.8	530	2.8	410	2.3	-20	100	18,210	18,650	17,520	-440	690
MANCHESTER	2,100	2.4	2,520	3.0	2,090	2.5	-420	10	86,180	84,350	83,460	1,830	2,720
NASHUA	2.630	2.6	2,860	2.9	2,720	2.9	-230	-90	100,240	97,490	94,390	2,750	5,850
NH PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL, MA PMSA***	2,260	4.4	2,550	5.0	2,170	4.4	-290	90	51,830	50,780	49,770	1,050	2,060
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER NH-ME MSA	3,090	2.4	3,670	2.9	3,580	2.9	-580	-490	131,480	128,760	124,680	2,720	6,800
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREAS****	850	4.5	1,000	5.0	800	4.2	-150	50	19,090	19,870	19,270	-780	-180
NH PORTION LOWELL MA PMSA	300	5.5	330	6.2	350	6.6	-30	-50	5,410	5,300	5,310	110	100
County													
BELKNAP	670	2.6	800	3.0	770	3.0	-130	-100	25,980	26,340	25,380	-360	600
CARROLL	420	2.4	420	2.4	390	2.3	0	30	17,610	17,860	17,080	-250	530
CHESHIRE	780	2.2	940	2.6	680	2.0	-160	100	35,860	36,120	34,190	-260	1,670
COOS	710	3.6	790	3.9	740	3.8	-80	-30	19,880	20,320	19,260	-440	620
GRAFTON	910	2.3	1,010	2.5	810	2.1	-100	100	39,610	40,420	38,380	-810	1,230
HILLSBOROUGH	4,870	2.6	5,470	3.0	5,110	2.9	-600	-240	186,180	182,320	178,360	3,860	7,820
MERRIMACK	1,610	2.6	1,760	2.8	1,340	2.2	-150	270	62,630	63,100	60,790	-470	1,840
ROCKINGHAM	4,340	3.5	4,940	4.1	4,200	3.5	-600	140	124,080	121,830	118,590	2,250	5,490
STRAFFORD	1,450	2.5	1,770	3.1	1,930	3.5	-320	-480	58,410	57,020	55,580	1,390	2,830
SULLIVAN	1,070	5.2	510	2.5	580	3.0	560	490	20,540	20,350	19,530	190	1,010

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

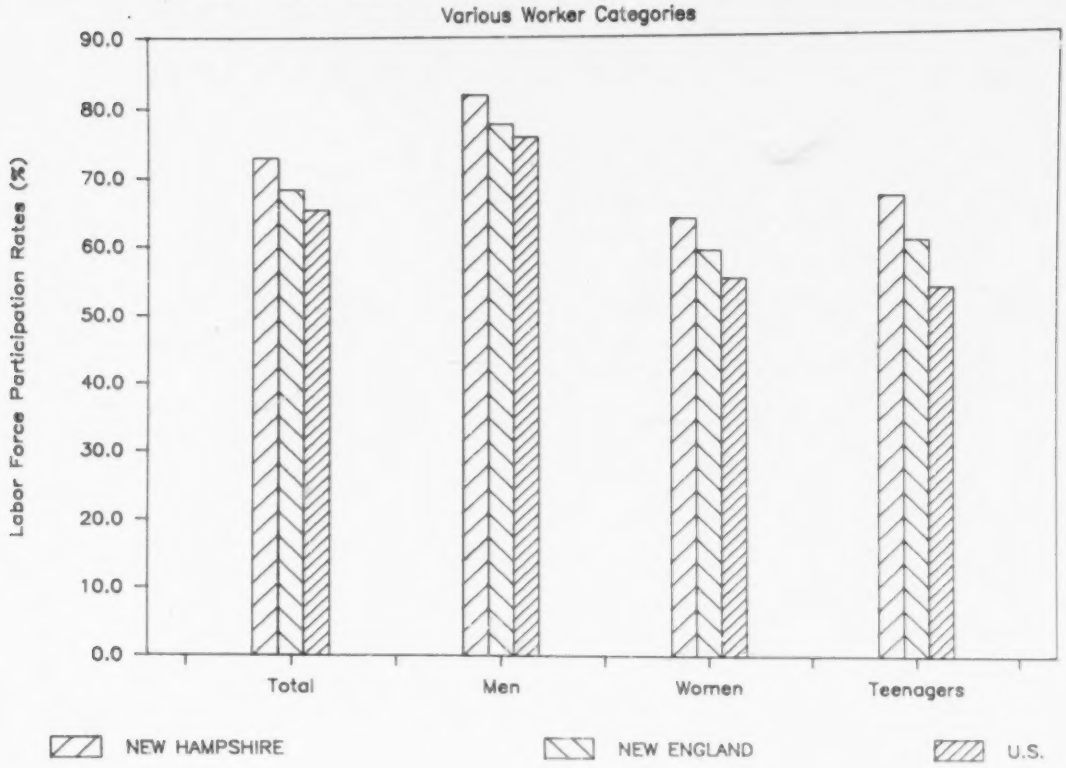
** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.

1987 LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES

Various Worker Categories



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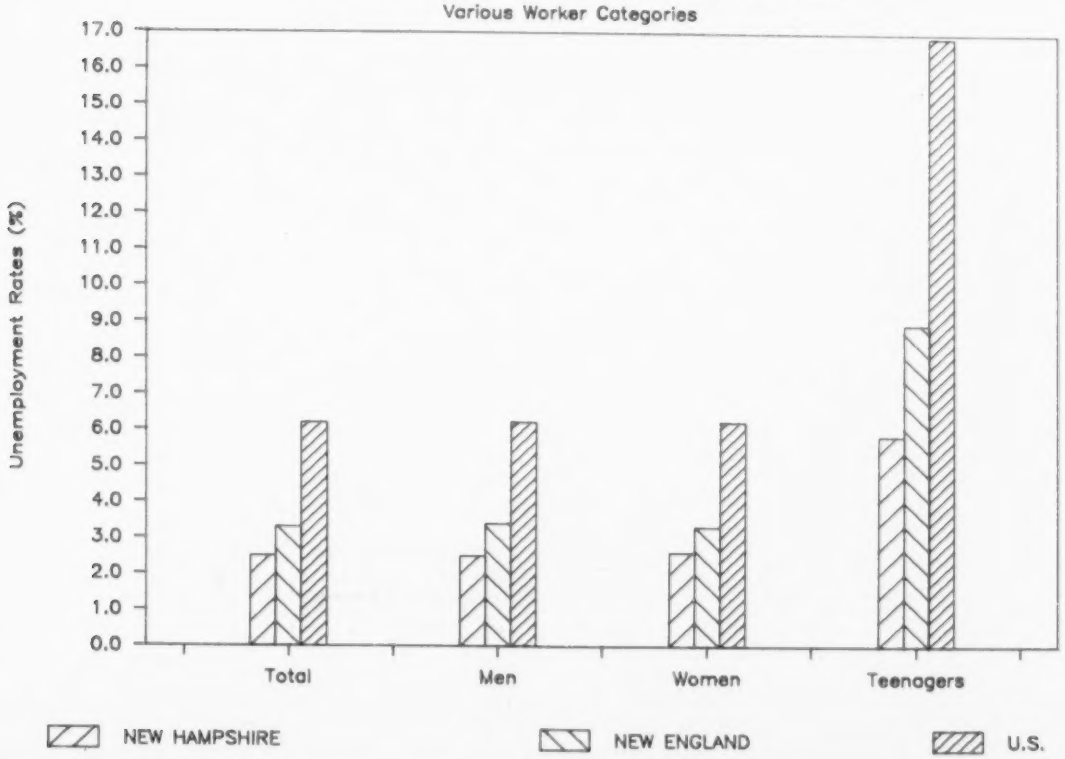

NEW PERSPECTIVES ON NEW HAMPSHIRE'S LOW UNEMPLOYMENT

Recently released employment and unemployment estimates for states provide new perspectives on New Hampshire's super-tight labor market. With its unemployment rate ranked the lowest in the Nation for 31 months straight, New Hampshire has been experiencing extremes unmatched in most other states. The intensity of labor demand and supply conditions is measured by several other indicators that can be compared with other states in the Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment. This annual publication by the Bureau of Labor Statistics is based on a Census Bureau monthly sampling of households in all the states and the District of Columbia.

Duration of unemployment is one additional dimension to the jobless picture. Only 13.6 percent of this State's unemployed workers were out of work for 15 weeks or more in 1987 compared to almost 27 percent nationwide. This was the smallest percentage of all states. New Hampshire also had the highest proportion (about 62 percent) with less than five weeks of joblessness.

Some states had lower 1987 average unemployment rates than New Hampshire in the managerial, professional, technical, and sales categories but not lower rates in all occupations. The New England states share in the overall low unemployment phenomenon. In 1987 most of the other five states had slightly lower unemployment rates for professional, technical and sales occupations, but they had significantly higher rates for operatives, fabricators and laborers. This differential has been characteristic of New England for the last three years.

The causes for unemployment reflect differences in the states' economic environments. Monthly averages for 1986 and 1987 showed that the proportion of New Hampshire's unemployed who had lost their jobs (38.5 percent) was the sixth lowest among all the states in the United States. Conversely, this State had one of the highest proportions (21.4 percent) of persons who were unemployed because they left their jobs -- reflecting confidence in the ability to get new jobs.

Concern has been expressed that while this country has enjoyed a very strong rate of job creation in recent years, many of the new jobs are only part-time. While the number and percent of persons voluntarily working part time has been increasing nationwide, the proportion of persons working part time because of slack work, plant repairs, etc., has been decreasing. Between 1985 and 1987, New Hampshire and Connecticut had the lowest proportions of persons working part time for economic reasons.

The intense demand for workers over several years has apparently been effective in drawing an extra large share of this State's population into the labor force. In 1987, New Hampshire had the highest proportion (73 percent) of its civilian noninstitutional population 16 years old or over participating in the labor force. New Hampshire's participation rate for men (82.1 percent) ranked first among the states. About 65 percent of the State's female population was either employed or unemployed -- 3rd highest behind Nevada and District of Columbia. Teenagers have also entered the labor market in record numbers. The New Hampshire labor force had 67.8 percent of the State's 16 - 19 year old population either employed or looking for work -- again ranking 3rd nationwide.

Richard Frye, Economist

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
All manufacturing	$383.66	$371.06	$373.60	40.3	39.1	41.1	$9.52	$9.47	$9.09
Durable goods	393.82	379.42	390.60	40.6	39.4	42.0	9.70	9.63	9.30
Lumber & wood prods.	302.73	290.30	299.47	37.7	36.7	39.3	8.03	7.91	7.62
Furniture & fixtures	302.54	296.35	294.84	39.6	37.8	39.0	7.64	7.84	7.56
Stone & clay prods.	366.27	338.80	397.78	41.2	38.5	45.1	8.89	8.80	8.82
Primary metal prods.	446.80	432.51	402.86	46.3	45.1	43.6	9.65	9.59	9.24
Fab. metal prods.	400.46	370.28	382.55	41.2	39.1	41.9	9.72	9.47	9.13
Mach. (exc. elec.)	427.14	422.84	419.96	42.8	42.2	44.3	9.98	10.02	9.48
Electrical prods.	393.57	381.67	413.91	38.1	37.2	40.9	10.33	10.26	10.12
Miscellaneous prods.	347.13	311.78	321.30	39.9	37.7	42.5	8.70	8.27	7.56
Other durables	405.41	381.97	379.08	41.2	39.5	40.5	9.84	9.67	9.36
Nondurable goods	359.57	350.45	340.02	39.6	38.3	39.4	9.08	9.15	8.63
Food & kindred prods.	403.07	408.54	404.58	37.6	35.9	42.1	10.72	11.38	9.61
Textile mill prods.	323.21	291.72	312.64	40.2	37.4	41.3	8.04	7.80	7.57
Apparel	218.04	218.79	209.33	33.7	33.1	33.6	6.47	6.61	6.23
Paper & allied prods.	498.58	506.57	479.28	48.5	47.7	47.5	10.28	10.62	10.09
Print., pub. & allied	363.72	368.25	351.56	38.9	38.2	37.4	9.35	9.64	9.40
Leather & lea. prods.	198.07	195.55	156.30	33.8	33.6	30.0	5.86	5.82	5.21
Footwear	197.39	194.88	173.89	33.8	33.6	33.7	5.84	5.80	5.16
Other nondurables	380.63	354.00	370.68	39.2	37.5	40.6	9.71	9.44	9.13

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 39%

Total Production Workers: 83,650

Firms Reporting: 287

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
All manufacturing	$382.18	$366.00	$360.99	39.4	37.5	39.8	$9.70	$9.76	$9.07
Durable goods	396.98	376.29	383.27	39.5	37.0	39.8	10.05	10.17	$9.63
Mach. & elec. prods.	408.64	385.02	403.10	40.3	37.6	41.6	10.14	10.24	9.69
Other durables	380.93	365.54	359.66	38.4	36.3	37.7	9.92	10.07	9.54
Nondurable goods	358.15	346.47	323.57	39.4	38.2	39.8	9.09	9.07	8.13
Textiles & apparel	303.81	283.09	269.35	39.1	37.2	37.1	7.77	7.61	7.26
Other nondurables	378.02	370.56	348.50	39.5	38.6	41.0	9.57	9.60	8.50

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 54%

Total Production Workers: 9,000

Firms Reporting: 37

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
All manufacturing	$482.38	$457.08	$462.42	41.3	39.1	42.0	$11.68	$11.69	$11.01
Durable goods	502.74	471.62	475.84	42.0	39.9	42.6	11.97	11.82	11.17
Mach. & elec. prods.	538.83	517.60	512.55	41.9	40.0	42.5	12.86	12.94	12.06
Other durables	425.04	373.67	393.76	42.0	39.5	42.8	10.12	9.46	9.20
Nondurable goods	396.02	396.31	412.97	38.3	38.5	39.9	10.34	11.07	10.35

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 30%

Total Production Workers: 20,800

Firms Reporting: 48

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
All Manufacturing	$370.37	$347.38	$363.45	40.7	38.9	40.7	$9.10	$8.93	$8.93
Durable Goods	389.70	366.91	402.78	40.3	38.5	42.0	9.67	9.53	9.59
Nondurable Goods	337.83	314.41	308.09	41.3	39.4	38.9	8.18	7.98	7.92

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 49%

Total Production Workers: 14,600

Firms Reporting: 39

NEW HAMPSHIRE LABOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND

The number of active job applicants registered in local offices in March 1988 was 10,347, a decrease of 67 from February of this year, despite the fact that 9 offices out of 13 reported increases in the number of unemployed workers registering in March. A year ago 9,790 active applicants were registered but the labor force was proportionally smaller at that time. Job openings received in local offices for March almost doubled from last month, moving from 1,193 in February to 2,173 in March. One year ago 2,202 job openings were received, an indication job openings received have not increased at the same pace as the labor force. Part of the reason for the less-than-expected increase in job openings over last year may be that fewer orders are sent to the local office as a result of employers realizing that fewer workers are available and therefore there is less reason to send in job orders.

Active applicants for March decreased by 296 in Laconia and 266 in Dover from last month with a large drop in the number of active applicants with a construction background, indicating an earlier start-up of construction in those local office areas than for the balance of the State. Keene and Salem local offices reported fewer active applicants than they had in February, with the decreases in Keene coming in services (-20) and structural work (-60) while Salem had deceases in the number of active applicants in professional, technical and managerial work (-19) and structural occupations (-19). All other local offices had an increased number of active applicants with active applicants in services occupations registering an increase in Nashua (34), Portsmouth (31), Concord (25), Littleton (24) and Lebanon (11) as ski resorts and other winter activities closed down for the season. Claremont, Littleton, Lebanon, Nashua and Portsmouth posted increases of nearly 150 clerical applicants while those same offices, substituting Concord for Claremont, showed an increase of 100 professional, technical and managerial applicants.

Job openings received were concentrated in structural, services and clerical occupations (56.6 percent). Of all job openings received, services and clerical occupations accounted for 2 openings out of 5 while structural (construction) job openings accounted for 1 in 6. Over 100 job openings were received for farm work, with over 50 percent of those openings coming from the Berlin local office, while Nashua was second with nearly 13 percent. Machine trades, benchwork, and motor freight and transportation accounted for a 19 percent increase in the number of job openings received, while professional, technical and managerial job openings accounted for 7 percent.

In March there were 5 active applicants for every job opening received. Professional, technical and managerial applicants outnumbered job openings received 10 to 1, while structural, motor freight and transportation and packaging and material handling each had 6 active applicants per opening received and clerical and sales had 5 applicants per opening. The lowest ratio of active applicant to job opening was found in the Laconia and Salem local offices with 2 applicants for every job opening, while the highest ratio was in Dover with 8 active applicants for each job opening received.

JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED BY OCCUPATION
MARCH 1988

	Prof. Tech. & Mgr.	Clerical	Sales	Services	Farm	Process	Machine Trade	Benchwork	Struc. Work	Motor Freight & Trans.	Packaging & Material Handling	Misc.	Total
State	163	396	115	442	120	30	172	156	390	88	83	18	2,173
Berlin	3	13	5	9	64	0	0	11	5	5	3	0	109
Claremont	9	19	4	26	4	4	19	9	12	1	8	0	115
Concord	18	68	5	27	7	2	12	16	35	10	6	4	210
Conway	8	6	6	11	0	0	3	2	8	7	0	0	51
Dover	23	28	3	25	7	4	16	20	39	8	8	3	184
Keene	6	20	13	18	2	0	40	8	13	4	3	1	125
Laconia	3	64	28	46	2	6	19	28	34	13	14	0	256
Lebanon	9	12	5	8	2	0	4	3	32	1	4	0	79
Littleton	5	18	6	26	1	1	9	9	28	7	1	1	112
Manchester	9	39	13	34	7	0	13	26	43	9	7	2	202
Nashua	12	40	4	101	15	12	29	9	36	6	13	0	274
Portsmouth	11	33	13	90	7	1	19	5	56	10	11	0	255
Salem	12	30	10	19	0	0	2	10	10	6	5	2	106
All Other	35	6	0	2	2	0	5	0	39	1	0	5	95

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table 10

Openings Received are jobs listed by employers with a local office of the Department of Employment Security during the month. The figures are not cumulative.

ACTIVE JOB APPLICANTS BY OCCUPATION
MARCH 1988

	Prof. Tech. & Mgr.	Clerical	Sales	Services	Farm	Process	Machine Trades	Benchwork	Struc. Work	Motor Freight & Trans.	Packaging & Material Handling	Misc.	Total
State	1,706	1,841	532	1,390	98	125	715	607	2,238	546	479	70	10,447
Berlin	39	80	25	69	4	3	26	12	89	30	10	1	388
Claremont	62	128	30	94	6	12	84	38	126	22	43	6	651
Concord	250	211	40	152	8	10	80	50	352	76	62	15	1,306
Conway	56	42	18	38	2	0	10	9	54	12	6	2	249
Dover	194	275	46	144	14	31	122	135	379	86	46	10	1,482
Keene	99	147	50	117	7	4	69	46	134	38	51	6	768
Laconia	73	121	22	74	6	11	39	33	164	37	16	4	600
Lebanon	104	82	30	51	8	3	30	20	64	26	7	3	428
Littleton	69	81	26	86	11	0	30	15	129	22	13	2	484
Manchester	161	219	98	233	9	15	68	81	195	50	74	8	1,211
Nashua	258	205	72	135	12	13	88	113	202	78	92	5	1,273
Portsmouth	275	212	58	172	8	21	59	41	314	62	49	6	1,277
Salem	66	38	17	25	3	2	10	14	36	7	10	2	230

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table A96

Active Applicants are individuals who have contacted a local office of the Department of Employment Security to seek employment or obtain employability development services, and are currently seeking employment. The numbers in this table do not represent only applicants registered during the month.

ACTIVE JOB APPLICANTS, BY SEX, AGE, NUMBER OF MINORITIES
AND NUMBER OF VETERANS
MARCH 1988

	Male	Female	Eligible Claimant	Minority	Veterans	Age Group Less Than 45	Age Group 45 And Over	Non-Agr. Open Rec.	Unfilled Total	Open 30 Days Or More	Total Act. App.
State	6,318	4,029	3,957	292	7,395	8,359	1,988	2,173	2,194	987	10,347
Berlin	221	167	123	2	72	292	96	109	131	37	388
Claremont	390	261	167	3	152	527	124	115	105	38	651
Concord	907	399	573	22	333	1,048	258	210	158	44	1,306
Conway	149	100	60	3	51	197	52	51	42	17	249
Dover	885	597	635	31	405	1,227	255	184	147	48	1,482
Keene	447	321	287	12	170	626	142	125	155	73	768
Laconia	362	238	283	3	120	484	116	256	238	103	600
Lebanon	272	156	110	7	113	327	101	79	88	53	428
Littleton	291	193	111	5	84	402	82	112	85	27	484
Manchester	672	539	416	51	248	1,006	205	202	185	68	1,211
Nashua	808	465	576	98	284	994	279	274	223	110	1,273
Portsmouth	786	491	494	47	323	1,052	225	255	298	181	1,277
Salem	128	102	122	8	40	177	53	106	129	59	290
All Other								95	210	129	

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table A96

JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED BY INDUSTRY
MARCH 1988

	Agr., For. & Fish.	Construc. & Mining	Man- ufact- uring	Trans., Comm. & Util.	Trade	Fin., Ins. & Real Est.	Services	Public Admin.	Government	Total
State	49	258	552	41	461	81	613	118	201	2,173
Berlin	3	0	64	4	22	1	13	2	3	109
Claremont	3	8	41	2	29	3	29	0	7	115
Concord	6	25	44	3	25	10	91	6	8	210
Conway	0	7	4	0	20	0	19	1	0	51
Dover	5	21	70	1	22	3	60	2	41	184
Keene	2	10	45	0	35	2	30	1	2	125
Laconia	2	36	60	0	115	4	38	1	9	256
Lebanon	2	19	11	1	16	8	20	2	2	79
Littleton	0	30	24	5	18	9	23	3	12	112
Manchester	3	31	51	11	43	11	46	6	4	202
Nashua	9	22	75	4	39	15	107	3	2	274
Portsmouth	13	47	37	8	33	9	102	6	17	255
Salem	0	2	23	2	42	6	28	3	3	106
All Other	1		3		2		7	82	91	95

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table 10

Weekly Claims Filed During March
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U. C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Ex-Military Servicemen (UCX Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims	Initial Claims	Continued Claims
All Offices	3,264	15,193	17	17	6	10	35	28	13	24
Berlin	219	706	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Claremont	332	815	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0
Concord	227	1,645	2	4	0	0	3	2	2	2
Conway	94	360	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dover	334	1,768	2	0	1	0	6	1	5	3
Keene	190	924	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	5
Laconia	222	1,248	0	5	0	1	2	1	0	0
Lebanon	57	267	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Littleton	194	631	6	0	1	1	1	4	0	0
Manchester	544	2,608	1	1	0	0	5	1	3	3
Nashua	348	1,344	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0
Portsmouth	211	1,261	1	4	1	0	9	15	1	4
Salem	102	373	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Liable Interstate	190	1,243	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	1

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $124.94

Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$162,845,514.36

Net contributions received during month:

$84,958.76

Net benefits paid during month:

$1,844,953.39

Interest Received:

0

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1988	1987	1986	1985
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)				
All Items (1982-84=100)				
Current Month - March	116.5			
Percent change from year ago	3.9			
Year Average		113.6	109.6	
Percent change each year		3.6	--	
All Items (1967=100)				
Current Month - March	349.0			
Percent change from year ago	3.9			
Year Average		340.4	328.4	322.2
Percent change each year		3.7	1.9	3.6
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)				
All Items (1982-84=100)				
Current Month - March	115.1			
Percent change from year ago	3.7			
Year Average		112.5	108.6	
Percent change each year		3.6	--	
All Items (1967=100)				
Current Month - March	343.0			
Percent change from year ago	3.8			
Year Average		335.0	323.4	318.5
Percent change each year		3.6	1.5	3.5

NOTE:

Commencing with the January issue of Economic Conditions in New Hampshire, we began publishing a new Consumer Price Index series which uses the years 1982-1984 as the base period. Costs of a typical market basket of goods during that time span are indexed at 100. Periodic revisions in the consumer price index are necessary since new goods and services become available to consumers and spending patterns change over time. Data for both series will be provided for a transitional period. During this time there may be instances where the monthly rates of increase in the indexes will differ. Again, this will be due to the different weights assigned to various categories of goods.